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Bloody
NEWS
From
STANES,
Or a true account of five Notorious
Highway-Men.

Who call themselves by these Names following

Viz	{	<i>John Williams.</i>	}	{	<i>Francis Jackson.</i>
		<i>James Slader.</i>			<i>Walter Parkhurst.</i>
		<i>John White.</i>			

Who on *Wednesday* the 18 of this instant *March*, near *Colbrook*: Where they Robbed a Stage Coach and took away four Hundred Pounds. And after fighting several hours with many Country-men, who did at last take the five Persons above named, and had them before a Justice, which committed them to *Newgate*.

L O N D O N

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A Full and True Relat on of the
 severall Exploits of five grand High-way-men: with
 the manner of their being apprehended and sent to
Newgate on Thursday the 19 of March Instant.

IT must certainly be numbred amongst the necessary
 Cares of Magistracy, not only to prevent and sup-
 press all publick Commotions that may endanger
 the General Tranquillity of those people whom
 Providence hath committed to their Governance; but
 also with severity to punish such private outrages and
 Violences whereby any particular persons, against Right
 and the Laws of Humane Society, shall endeavour to
 invade the Proprieties of their Fellow Subjects: no-
 thing being more destructive to Commerce and the
 well-being of People, than the Exorbitant Villanous
 Practices of Highway-Men, or Robbers on the Road:
 when the Fruit of Honest Industry shall become a prey
 to Riotous Cater-pillars, and the comfortable Sub-
 sistance a man hath acquired by tedious and laborious
 Sweat, for the support of himself and Family, is snatchd
 away in a moment (perhaps with hazard of his Life, or
 at least undoing) by the rapacious Hands of each da-
 ring extravagant Ruffian.

For restraining these mischievous Enormities the prudence of our Ancestor was enforced to establish sharp Animadversions of Law, inflicting Capital punishments on such delinquents, nor have our present most Gracious Sovereign been wanting by his Royal Proclamation and Encouragement of Rewards to invigorate those necessary Laws with due Execution for the Extirpation of these Harpyer and Beasts of Prey out of his Dominions

But so Incurable and Desperate are these Sons of Rapin in their Injurious Courses, that neither apprehension of their own Danger, nor the Dreadful Examples of great numbers of their associates daily apprehended and deservedly offered an Sacrifice to incensed Justice on the Fatal Triple Altar, can either divert or reclaim them.

Of this we have just now and too near hand a Deploable Instance, the full and true narrative of which in all the unhappy Circumstances to warn others, (if possible) and gratifie the Readers Curiosity, be pleas'd to take as follows. Faithfully related upon the certain Information of some Person, whose Ill-state it was to be too far concerned in it.

Five of these Land Capers eminently experienced in the Padding Mystery, having made it their Business for sometime past to cruise up and down the Road between Branford and Windsor, having made several petty

petty Seizers upon some lean Travelling Puries, at last (by I know not what information the Devil gave them) had advice of a fatter prize, some persons passing in the Stage Coach with a considerable charge of Money, to the value of four hundred pounds.

Hereupon, eager as a hungry Hawk watching for a Covey of innocent Partridges, they put themselves in Ambuscade, and having found a place convenient for the Attempt, near Colbrook they attack the Coach, and demand the Money with as much haist and fury as an old Vferer would the penalty of a long forfeited Bond of a young Gallant newly come of age, The Gentlemen perceiving resistance equally dangerous and vain, against such a party so resolved, and well provided with Weapons, discreetly consulted their own safety, and surrendered the Baggs of pretious Dirt to those powerful Sequestrators, who without either telling over the Sum, or giving any acquittance, but doing the Harness-Maker the kindness of cutting the Horses traces that they might not presently follow them, make use of their Spurs and quick as Lightning disappeared.

The Persons thus Lightned by the unwelcome help of their beloved Burthen, nimbly adress themselves to the next Justice of the Peace, Immediately Hinc & Cry is sent forth, all the Conntry alarm'd, and the people of the Hundred found themselves obliged in
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point of Interest to bestir themselves, for the Felony was acted about the middle of the day, viz. Wednesday the eighteenth of this instant March.

The Pursuit was rigorously carried on, and their Description every where was Answered with Intelligence, but not so silently but that Padding Heroes easily could understand they were chased at the very Heels, Hereupon shifting the Road to cross the Country, and finding their Horses, riding so far full speed, begun to Falter they resolve to press each likely Horse they meet for their Service, and Dismounted two or three and cutting their own Horses Girts left them as strays to feed upon the Commons, any Persons they met they also cut their Girts to disable them from Riding on, lest they should give more timely notice to their pursuers.

But that which were like to happen most unluckily was in *Paddington Road*, where overtaking a very Civil Person on a good Geldling that had been upon his occasions at *Wattford*, returning homeward one of this flying Troop setting a Pistol to his Breast, made him Exchange Horses with him, and left him: this Person riding very gravely on this new tyred nag, is soon overtaken by the Pursuers, who riding up most furiously, the Man Apprehending them as part of the Rear of that wild Forlorn, which had just parted from him, to avoid their Fury, leaves his Horse and leaps over a Hedge.

This Action raised their Suspicion, that he was one of those that they were so busie in their Quest after, which was soon increased by the coming up of some of the persons Robb'd, who aver'd that it was one of their Horses who Robb'd them, hereupon he was secured, but afterwards upon better information of the Case, Released.

For the Highway-Men steering their Course about *Paddington*, a person well mounted, who was (and for his courage deserved well to be) of the Life-guard to the best of Kings, fell into the pursuit so close that he alone came up with them, who dismounted him, and took his Horse from him, but he instantly got another, and came up with them again, whereupon they flung him off the second time, and being upon the ground, one of the Highway-men told him, that now his Life was at their mercy, but they scorn'd to kill him, because they found he was a person stout and valiant; a part of generosity in such Desperado's that deserves highly to be commended, yet would not this daring gentleman quit them, but after them again pursuing them to *Hampstead*: where some people crossing the Country had brought the Alarm before, so that they were surrounded by above a hundred people, one of them with his Horse forced his way, the other four dismounted, and fought most desperately on foot, killing two of the Country men that came to take them, and wounding several others, but having received several grievous wounds, and being overpowered with numbers, they were apprehended. The other that escaped here, was pursued to *Islington*, where (not without giving and receiving several wounds first) he was at last also taken, and together with his Companions sent to New prison.

On Thursday the nineteenth, they were carryed before a Justice of Peace, where upon examination, they cleared the before mentioned gentleman taken upon suspicion, by confessing the truth, the Money was secured, and they thereupon committed with a strong guard to New-gate, where to the Justice of the Law, and the mercy of God we leave them.

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